GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Prakasam District - Sri P.Koteswara Rao, former Village Revenue Officer, Potalpadu (V), Kurichedu Mandal, Prakasam District – Disciplinary proceedings under rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC & A) Rules, 1991 - Articles of charges – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 37 **Dated: 29-01-2021.**
Read:-

G.O.Ms.No.254, Revenue (Vigilance.III) Department, Dt:02.09.2020

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri P.Koteswara Rao, former Village Revenue Officer, Potalpadu (V), Kurichedu Mandal, Prakasam District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of charges (Annexure—I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure – III & IV).

3. Sri P.Koteswara Rao, Village Revenue Officer is directed to submit, within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defense.

4. Sri P.Koteswara Rao, Village Revenue Officer is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri P.Koteswara Rao, Village Revenue Officer is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in Para—3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri P.Koteswara Rao, Village Revenue Officer is invited to Rule 24 of A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri P.Koteswara Rao, Village Revenue Officer is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

V. USHARANI,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri P.Koteswara Rao, former Village Revenue Officer, Potalpadu (V), Kurichedu Mandal, Prakasam District presently working as VRO, Dharmavaram-II Cluster, Addanki (M), Prakasam District through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada.

Copy to:

The Collector & District Magistrate, Prakasam District, Ongole.
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ANNEXURE—I

ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.KOTESWARA RAO, THE THEN VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, POTLAPADU VILLAGE OF KURICHEDU MANDAL(PRESENTLY WORKING AS VRO, DHARMAVARAM-II CLUSTER (SANKAVARAPPADU SECRETARIAT OF ADDANKI MANDAL).

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Article of Charge - I:

That Sri P.Koteswara Rao, VRO, while working as Village Revenue Officer, Potlapadu Village has misused the power by making irregular entries in village records of Potlapadu Village of Kurichedu Mandal.

Thus, Sri P.Koteswara Rao, the then Village Revenue Officer, Potlapadu Village of Kurichedu Mandal (presently working as VRO, Dharmavaram-II cluster (Sankavarappadu Secretariat of Addanki Mandal) deliberately violated the rules, which amounts to misconduct and exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty which is unbecoming for Government Servant and thereby violated Rule 3 APCS (Conduct) Rules,1964. Hence the Charge.

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ANNEXURE —II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MIS-CONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.KOTESWARA RAO, THE THEN VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, POTLAPADU VILLAGE OF KURICHEDU MANDAL(PRESENTLY WORKING AS VRO, DHARMAVARAM-II CLUSTER (SANKAVARAPPADU SECRETARIAT OF ADDANKI MANDAL)

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Sri Palem Yogi Reddy S/o Ramana Reddy resident of Potlapadu village of Kurichedu Mandal has filed a complaint No.3899/2016/Lok/12156/2016 before the Hon'ble A.P.Lokayukta, Hyderabad complaining that (1) the then Tahsildars of Kurichedu Mandal have tampered the revenue records and in 1-B Register for an extent of Ac.200.00 of Potlapadu village of Kurichedu Mandal which was already assigned to landless poor people in the year 1971. (2) Even though they were in possession and cultivating the land, the public servants namely Sri Ravi Kumar, Tahsildar, Kurichedu (Now Retired) has entered the names of third parties in Revenue Records, 1B register with the active collusion of Sri G.S.Samual Vara Prasad, the then Tahsildar, Kurichedu (Presently working at Gurajala, Guntur district), Chinni Krishnaiah, VRO and P.Koteswara Rao, VRO. (3) After making the entries in 1B Register, the unauthorized persons have obtained bank loans. Further stated that (4) many fake assignees have got their names entered in the revenue records through agreement of sale and third parties got lands and mutated in revenue records and in 1B registers for which no approval of assignment committee and also ignored the fact that though the said land was assigned 30 years back (1971 to 1990) to landless poor people. Hence, the petitioner is finally requested to enquire in the above matter and take disciplinary action against the public servants who involved in making irregular entries in revenue records.

2. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Kandukur who has enquired in to the matter and furnished report stating that he has issued notices to the complainant Sri Palem Yogi Reddy to attend enquiry before the RDO, Kandukur on 17.06.2017. The complainant has pointed out the following issues:

i. Sy.No.551 of Potlapadu village is Patta land, but pattadar pass books given to unauthorized persons without going into verification of documents.

ii. Through assignment pattas and PPBs issued, the then Tahsildar, by rounding the survey numbers in Manual 1B in respect of Khata Numbers:584, 585, 461, 484, 467, 485, 463, 486, 464, 487, 465, 488, 364, 385, 366, 387, 367, 388, 744, 89, 285, 305, 23, 673, 566, 572, 527, 158, 348, 369, 349, 66, 206, 327 (34 Khatas) and changed entries without recording any authority.

In response to point No.1, the Tahsildar, Kurichedu has enquired into the matter and reported that, verified the connected ROR records and the village records and reported that assignment was given to 371 beneficiaries covering an extent of Acs.1070.76 from 1971 to 1990 in Kurichedu Mandal. Out of which 71 beneficiaries covered by an extent of Ac.192.25 are non-residents.

In response to Point No.2, out of the assignment made, the mutations were took-place in the following Khata Nos in 1B Register without signature of the Tahsildar, Kurichedu. Khata No.52, 89, 141, 142, 204, 212, 322, 357, 372, 466, 497, 527, 565, 584, 585, 599, 635, 641, 675, 697, 800, 801, 802 and 842.(24 Khatas).

Finally, the Tahsildar, Kurichedu has reported that, the then Tahsildars Sri M.Ravi Kumar and Sri G.Samuel Vara Prasad, and Sri T.Chinni Krishnaiah, VRO and Sri Koteswara Rao, VRO have involved in irregular mutations of ROR records and also the village records pertaining to the Potlapadu Village of Kurichedu Mandal.

3. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Kandukur has confirmed that certain entries were changed in Webland without any authority and there is difference between 1B entries and in Webland entries with regard to the assignment made to the

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beneficiaries. In respect of Khata Nos.52, 89, 140, 142, 143, 204, 211, 212, 322, 323, 357, 358, 371, 372, 466, 467, 468, 497, 527, 564, 584, 635, 640, 641, 674 changes have been made without following due procedure and directly included the new Sy.Nos in place of the existing Survey Numbers in the 1B register.

4. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Kandukur finally concluded that Sri M.Ravi Kumar (now retired) and Sri Samuel Vara Prasad, the Tahsildars of Kurichedu Mandal and Sri T.Chinni Krishnaiah and Sri P.Koteswara Rao, the then Village Revenue Officers are held responsible for the entire irregular transactions made in both manual 1B Register and in Webland and recommended for appropriate action against the above revenue officials for misusing their powers by making irregular entries in the village records, as shown below:

Name of the Mandal	Name of the Village	Total extent against which online made entries (Ac.Cts)	Officer responsible for on- line entries	Extent
Kurichedu	Potlapadu	231.95	M.Ravi Kumar, the then Tahsildar(Now Retired)	Ac.216.53
			G.Samuel Vara Prasad, the then Tahsildar (Presently working as Tahsidlar in Guntur District)	Ac. 3.80
			RDO has not offered any remarks in respect of	Ac. 11.62
			Total	**Ac.231.95**

5. Based on the report of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kandukur to fixing the responsibility against Sri M.Ravi Kumar, former Tahsildar, Kurichedu (now retired from service on 31.10.2017) for an extent of Ac.216.53 cents and Sri G.samuel Vara Prasad former Tahsildar, Kurichedu (subsequently transferred to Guntur District) for an extent of Ac.5.24 (3.80+1.44) cents, the then Tahsildars, Kurichedu for irregularities committed by them for making entries in manual 1-B and online entries in favour of others against the lands which was assigned to the lands less person long ago and also included certain Survey Numbers in place of the Existing Survey numbers in 1-B without following the procedure, in respect of 27 Khatas (i.e Khata No.52 etc) as reported by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kandukur and with regard to the responsibility of the Village Revenue Officers, the report of the RDO is considered for initiation disciplinary action against Sri T.Chinni Krishnaiah and Sri P.Koteswara Rao the then Village Revenue Officers for misusing of their powers for making irregular entries in village records.

Therefore, it is proposed to initiate disciplinary action on Sri P.Koteswara Rao, former Village Revenue Officer, Potalpadu (V), Kurichedu Mandal, Prakasam District presently working as VRO, Dharmavaram-II Cluster, Addanki (M), Prakasam District.

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ANNEXURE – III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.KOTESWARA RAO, THE THEN VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, POTLAPADU VILLAGE OF KURICHEDU MANDAL(PRESENTLY WORKING AS VRO, DHARMAVARAM-II CLUSTER (SANKAVARAPPADU SECRETARIAT OF ADDANKI MANDAL) IS PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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1. Registrar, Institution of Lokayukta for AP, Lr.Dis.No.3899/2016/B1/Lok/12156/ 2016, dated.20.12.2016.
2. Revenue Divisional Officer, Kandukur Rc.I/647/2017, dated. 29.09.2017.

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ANNEXURE – IV

LIST OF WITNESS BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.KOTESWARA RAO, THE THEN VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, POTLAPADU VILLAGE OF KURICHEDU MANDAL(PRESENTLY WORKING AS VRO, DHARMAVARAM-II CLUSTER (SANKAVARAPPADU SECRETARIAT OF ADDANKI MANDAL) IS PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

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